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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s) : Naoki Yamaguchi, et al.

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Examiner : Leung, Wai Lun

Group Art Unit : 2613

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2008, setting a one-month period for response, Applicants respond as follows:

The office action requires election for further consideration on the merits of one of the following groups of claims.

Group 1 – claims 1 and 5-7; and

Group 2 – claim 10.

Though the applicants disagree that searching of these two allegedly different inventions would create a burden on the Examiner, particularly considering that the claims are within the same art group, Group 1 is selected herein for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper, not fully covered by an enclosed check, may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,

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